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## Senate

The Senate met at 10:30 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we praise You in advance for Your presence to strengthen us, Your truth to guide us, and Your courage to inspire us throughout this day. Thank You for the gift of trust. Our trust in You enables us to trust one another as women and men of both parties. But today, Father, we want to thank You especially for the trust of taxpayers throughout our Nation who faithfully support the work of government. Give the Senators a renewed recognition of their accountability to You and to the citizens of States who have elected them and entrusted them with the sacred privilege of leadership. We are so grateful for the millions of Americans who work hard for their income and willingly support the ongoing costs of Government. It is so easy for us to get our priorities mixed up and think that taxpayers exist for us who work in government rather than thinking of our role to serve them. May the Senators and all of us who are privileged to work with them recommit ourselves to be servant-leaders. In the Name of our Lord and Savior. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader is recognized.

Mr. HATCH. Thank you, Mr. President.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, this morning the Senate will proceed to executive session to begin 2 hours of debate on the nomination of three judges on the Executive Calendar: Ann L.

Aiken to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, Barry G. Silverman to be United States District Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and Richard W. Story to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Following that debate, as previously ordered, the Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. for the weekly policy luncheons to meet.

As ordered, at 2:15 p.m. the Senate will begin a series of rollcall votes on the aforementioned judicial nominations.

Following those votes, the Senate will be in a period for the transaction of morning business with Senator COVERDELL or his designee in control of the first 90 minutes, and Senator DASCHLE or his designee in control of the next 90 minutes.

As a reminder to all Members, the Senate will not be in session on Friday, and no rollcall votes will occur on Monday, February 2nd.

So I thank my colleagues for their attention.

### MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 1575

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I understand that there is a bill at the desk that is due for its second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HAGEL). The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1575) to rename the Washington National Airport in the District of Columbia and Virginia as the "Ronald Reagan National Airport."

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I object to further proceedings on this bill at this point.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be placed directly on the calendar.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now

go into executive session to consider en bloc Executive Calendar Order Nos. 454, 486, 488, which the clerk will now report.

### THE JUDICIARY

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Ann L. Aiken, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, the nomination of Barry G. Silverman, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and the nomination of Richard W. Story, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nominations.

Mr. HATCH addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to support the nomination of Ann Aiken to the federal district bench in Oregon. I know too that my distinguished colleagues from that State, Senators SMITH and WYDEN, wholeheartedly support this nominee.

And it is no wonder that Judge Aiken enjoys their support. She has served as a state district and circuit court judge for nearly a decade. Before that, she worked in private practice and had extensive involvement in Oregon state-house politics. Perhaps most significantly, she is the mother of 5 children. As the father of 6 myself, I can think of no better preparation for the bench than first having served as the referee of a large family.

I plan to discuss in greater detail why I intend to support Judge Aiken's nomination, but first, I would like to address some of the concerns that have been expressed with respect to the Senate's role in the confirmation of federal judges. As Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, one of the most important duties I fulfill is in screening judicial nominees. Indeed, the Constitution itself obligates the Senate to

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